

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/584,638

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Request for Continued Examination/Amendment filed March 30, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,6-12,15-25,28-34,37-46,51,54-60 and 63-72 (re-numbered 1-54).
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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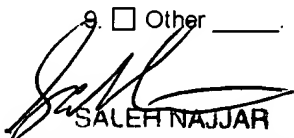
Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.

THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

1. This action is in response to the Request for Continued Examination and Amendment filed March 30, 2006.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest neither singly nor in combination the claimed limitation of "said creating including determining whether any service addresses to be used are present on said client node, and if so, giving those service addresses a highest priority for said client node" as recited in claims 1, 25, and 51 (re-numbered 1, 19, and 37, respectively).

The prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest neither singly nor in combination the claimed limitation of "said priority ordering including determining whether any service addresses to be used are present on said client node, and if so, giving those service addresses a highest priority for said client node" as recited in claims 18, 40, and 66 (re-numbered 12, 30, and 48, respectively).

The prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest neither singly nor in combination the claimed limitation of "[((a number of said node)mod(number of said plurality of service addresses-having the same ordering criterion)+k)mod(number of said plurality of service addresses having the same ordering criterion)], wherein mod is an integer remainder of a division operation, and k is set to a selected value" as recited in claims 8, 30, and 56 (re-numbered 8, 26, and 44, respectively).

The prior art of record does not disclose, teach, or suggest neither singly nor in combination the claimed limitation of "[((node number)mod(number of said service addresses of the set)+k)mod(number of said service addresses of the set)], wherein mod is an integer remainder of a division operation, and k is set to a selected value" as recited in claims 22, 44, and 70 (re-numbered 18, 36, and 54, respectively).

3. For the reasons above, claims 1, 6-12, 15-25, 28-34, 37-46, 51, 54-60, and 63-72 (re-numbered 1-54) are allowable over prior art of record.

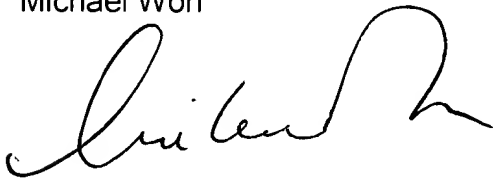
4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Y. Won whose telephone number is 571-272-3993. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th: 7AM-5PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Saleh Najjar can be reached on 571-272-4006. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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